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## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MAY 13, 2019

## MINUTES

A Special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Ellington, Connecticut, was held at the Ellington Town Hall, 55 Main Street in Ellington, Connecticut, on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss and vote upon the following:

THE PURCHASE OF LAND KNOWN AS 99 MAIN STREET, ELLINGTON, AKA ASSESSOR'S LOT #063-016-0000, AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY RICHARD AND LORI ZIOMEK, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 0.76 ACRES, AND THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, AT A PURCHASE PRICE OF \$255,000.

First Selectman Lori Spielman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and asked for nominations for a Moderator.

MOVED: David Stavens, SECONDED: James Prichard to nominate John Turner as Moderator.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Turner read the warning of the meeting as it was published and posted.

Mr. Turner entertained a motion on the following item:

TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF LAND KNOWN AS 99 MAIN STREET. ELLINGTON, AKA ASSESSOR'S LOT #063-016-0000, AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY RICHARD AND LORI ZIOMEK, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 0.76 ACRES, AND THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, AT A PURCHASE PRICE OF \$255,000.

**MOVED**: Peter Hany, **SECONDED**: Tom Palshaw to approve the purchase of 99 Main Street as warned.

Discussion: Maurice Blanchette asked for a clear explanation on the plans for parking and the plans for the house in the future.

First Selectman Lori Spielman explained the number of spaces that the Library would gain would be approximately 17, when the house is removed.

Several residents spoke about the need for additional parking and offered some suggestions, including adding parking to the front. Town Planner Lisa Houlihan explained that creating parking spaces in the front of the old part of the library would not meet set-back requirements of P&Z.

Mark Maciolek, of 101 Main Street, neighboring property owner, said he would be interested in purchasing a small piece of 99 Main Street, should the town acquire it, so he could keep and restore the old garage on the 99 Main Street property.

Peg Busse asked if the POCD (Plan of Conservation & Development) has looked into additional public parking in town as many community events experience a lack of parking.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Mr. Turner suggested a hand count for the vote.

Aaron Foster asked for paper ballots for voting.

Paper ballots were provided to all eligible voters and ballot counters were chosen. Sarah Cook and Ronald Stomberg were appointed by Mr. Turner.

YES - 49

NO - 10

ABSTAIN - 1

Motion passed by majority vote.

Mr. Turner adjourned the Town Meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: \_

Diane H. McKeegan, CCTC

Town Clerk